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ASHLAND, O., August 3, 1887.

The General Conference of the Brethren Church will be held at Ashland, Ohio, Sep. 21, 1887.

Bro. Coler and the College.

We would like to take Bro. Coler's hand and give it a hearty shake for the goodly article he has written about the College. Bro. Coler has made life a great success in more ways than one. He has prospered as a business man and gathered considerable wealth, served in the Legislature of this State, as a Representative, with credit, and is esteemed as a citizen in the locality in which he lives. He is a graduate of a College, and when such a one writes as he does, it is encouraging to us here at Ashland, who are straining every nerve to do the best we can to do what we have not time to do, and pay a debt that we have not made. It is hope against hope, and we wonder, at times, whether the brethren are overlooking the obligations under which they placed themselves at the Ashland and Dayton Conventions?

Bro. Coler writes like a man and a Christian should under the circumstances. He knows, feels and writes that the College here is the property of the Brethren church, and makes it plain that an educational institution is indispensable to our success as a religious body, and that every one is bound to give it the benefit of his influence, at least, and this even many of our ministers have not done.

What is needed is more co-operation—more men like Bro. Coler to write and work.

Keepers at Home.

Obedience to the gospel not only fit people for heaven, but will make the social life agreeable and happy. Such a life is a help to properly live the Christian life. Any one who has not a peaceable and happy earthly home, has not the encouragement from this source toward a consistent religious life that he should. The only danger there is in this earthly privilege lies in the direction of forgetting that we have no continuing city here. The earthly home may so satisfy that the mind is not concerned about what shall be after death. All who are blessed with pleasant homes on earth ought not to forget that they should provide a pleasant home beyond.

As a happy, orderly and Christian home is such help in living a religious life, the Apostle Paul has not neglected to admonish the sisters to be keepers at home. This is necessary that the home

should be what it is designed. The home is the first society which God organized, and on which he placed the divine seal. He gave the ordinance of marriage, performed the first ceremony when he joined Adam and Eve in holy wedlock, and organized the first family.

The sister should be a keeper at home because it is her chief work to make the home the beautiful spot on earth that Scripture and Nature has designed that it should be. A peaceable, happy home is a teacher with a silent power that accomplishes more than many fully recognize. A good home is a sure mark of good people in some respect. Good people make good homes and good homes make good people. In this all things work together for good. One mutually helps the other, and in this way the high domestic standing of some is attained, and the home becomes the dearest spot on earth to them.

The lovely haven of earthly bliss is within the easy reach of every family. Obedience to the scriptures by the wife, and the husband too, will make it so.

From Rev. Philip Allwood's Key to the Revelations of St. John, 1829.

Page 157.—The first seal.—Denotes a period of conquest and renown. A war horse is a very proper emblem of a military empire. The white horse, etc., was the symbol of victory, and the Roman commanders always rode white, or they were used to symbolize the victories and celebrate them, of the commanders.

Page 158.—The Bow was the most ancient and universal of all implements of war. Trojan was considered, in his sphere, the greatest man of his age.

Trojan's conquests excelled those of any former Emperor of Rome.

Second Seal—Red Horse symbolizes a period of war and devastation. The great sword represented executive justice.

Adrian abandoned the control of such of the field gained by Trojan, and withdrew the Roman armies.

Adrian had a generous spirit, and gave many presents, but he was exacting, jealous, and entertained the tales that were told him about those to whom he gave presents, and put many to death.

Adrian had great enmity toward the Jews. He was extremely careful and attentive in the administration of Justice, and traveled about his empire much for that purpose.

Third Seal.—Black Horse symbolizes privation, mourning and woe; the Balance, that he was guided by the principles of Equity. The characteristic feature of this period, covered by the third seal, was famine. A measure of wheat, or three measures of barley, its equivalent, was the food on which a laboring man should live. His wages were a penny, so a man could only keep himself alive by his labor, to say nothing of his children.

This period commenced with the reign of Antoninus Pius and concluded with that of his successor, Marcus Aurelius Antoninus. No pagan monarch perhaps ever sustained a higher character than the last of these.

In the year 155, the Tiber overflowing its banks, laid the

lower part of Rome as well as a vast tract of adjacent country under water, which destroyed to a dreadful degree the fruits of the ground, and became the occasion of a most dreadful dearth.

Marcus Aurelius was not long on his throne, when the Tiber again overflowed and inundated and destroyed much property, which was followed by a general infection of the air which occasioned a great mortality.

During this period the plague was carried to Rome by the army of Lucius Verna, and in turn the disease was spread over a great portion of the world. It raged with great violence for several years. The earthquakes and the other devastations were said to have been caused by the Christians in this period.

Upon the death of Marcus Aurelius in March, 181, the period of the fourth seal commenced. Through this period rebellions were frequently incited in Rome. From 181 to 285, sixty-five persons were or attempted to be emperors of Rome. Only eight of the number escaped violent deaths. There was dreadful persecutions of Christians in this period.

Fifth Seal.—Diocletian reign was the most brutal of all toward the Christians, which fills a portion of this period.

Sixth Seal.—Represents the opening of the reign of Constantine.

After these things saw four angels. Rev. 7: 1.—This represents the period of tranquility under Constantine. The four angels are the Praetorian Prefects who had been created by Constantine. The fifth angel was Constantine himself.

Seventh Seal.—The pause of half an hour indicates Constantine's death, in 337.

The thunderings and quakings of the earth, etc., represent the political broils.

The Great Star was Odoacer, who in the year 476, became King of Italy.

The supreme dignity was first assumed for the Church of Rome at the general Council of Chalcedon in 451.

The locusts were the Saracens who swarmed over Europe. The five months, 150 years, is the commencement of Mohammed's career in 606 and ended in 756, at which time the violence of the Saracen persecution and raids ended. The smoke coming out of the pit is the religion of Mohammed. Mr. Faber starts the 5 prophetic months at 612 and ends them at 762.

M. Niebuhr says "In Arabia, boys remain in the Haram among the women till the age of 5 or 6, and during this time follow the childish amusements suitable to their years, but as soon as they are moved from the scene of their frivolity, they are accustomed to think and speak with gravity, and to pass whole days together in their father's company. And the young Arab, in consequence, being always under the eyes of persons advanced to maturity, are pensive and serious even in infancy.

Long hair is a characteristic feature of the tribes of the Arabian blood.

The opening of the abyss from which the smoke came, may also signify the release of demons which entered the hearts of those Mohammed Arabs to make them fight for idolatry.

The second woe opens in 1038, at the elevation of Toghrue Beg, who transferred the scepter of Isak, from the Persian to the Turkish nation.

Martin Luther is the angel of Chap. 10: 1. He set his left foot upon the earth when he proved that Rome was the Anti-Christ.

The little book was the principle of the Reformation which was sweet to eat, but after eaten, (that is accepted) it became bitter.

On Christmas, 800, Charlemagne went to assist at Mass. While he was upon his knees before the altar, the Pope (Leo III.) came and placed a rich crown upon his head, upon which all the people cried out with a loud voice: "Long live Charles the August, crowned by the hand of God."

The last woe is the invasion of the Turks the last time.

The names of blasphemy of the beast are the names of Idol Gods, which were much used by Romans.

FROM THE CREED OF POPE PIUS IV.

1. "I most firmly admit and embrace apostolic ecclesiastical tradition, and all the other Constitutions and observances of the Roman Church.

2. I also admit the sacred Scriptures according to the sense which the Holy Mother Church has held and does hold them.

I most firmly assert that the Images of Christ and of the mother of God Ever-Virgin, and also of the other saints are to be had and retained.

11. I also affirm that the power of indulgences was left by Christ in his church.

12. I acknowledge the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Roman Church, the Mother and Mistress of all Churches.

Eld. Geo. Wolfe.

Eld. Geo. Wolfe died at his residence in Lathrop, California, July 23rd, 1887, aged 78 years and 28 days. He passed away without pain, and in full assurance of hope. His mind was clear to the last. He was born in Jonesborough, Union county, Illinois, June 25th, 1809.

Messenger please copy.

One more father in Israel has gone to his rest. He fought a good fight, finished his course and kept the faith. He was obedient to the spirit and he is now able to enter the golden gate.

Bro. Wolfe was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, nor ashamed to stand alone when it was necessary to stand for Christ. Let the element of his character be magnified and imitated. Great and noble is the man who boldly defends the right and the truth against opposition and the devices of men. This he has done, and now his form has been laid away in the narrow cell, and his name becomes one of blessed memory, and became brighter as the candle of life went out. Peace to his soul.

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

The Czar of Russia is so irritated by his troubles that he reads but one paper, printed for him exclusively, the edition of which reaches the astonishing sum of one copy. In it all things unpleasant to his eyes and ears are avoided, and his government is editorially lauded to the skies.

Some people ought to have a religious paper, so published.

Somerset county, Me., has a minister who has his sermons printed monthly and sends them to those of his parishoners who do not attend church. He insists upon looking after their souls!

welfare even if they are too lazy to do so themselves. In some churches there would be many more readers than hearers.

Bro. Enos Sala, of Goshen, Ind., writes: "We have preaching every two weeks at our school-house, by L. W. Ditch and P. Irwin. We are having good congregations, who pay strict attention, and we hope good results will follow. J. M. Rittgers has partially promised a week's meeting this fall. We ask an interest in the prayers of God's people everywhere."

Bro. Sala is taking a great interest in the good work and we pray that he may see his labor abundantly fruitful, together with the labors of other brethren in that field.

Bro. Ed. Mason and Bro. Cober exchanged appointments last Lord's day, and Cober was at Farmersville, and Mason in Perry county, Ohio.

The College opens in two weeks from next Tuesday. This is your school, brethren, and send your children here and try it.

Bro. E. G. Wilson, of Eureka, California, writes this:

As the Convention is near at hand we thought proper to say a few words. We profess to be a gospel church; if so, let us adopt the gospel plan of work. The Apostles were all itinerants. The command is, go. It has worked well with others, why not with us? Let us go on unto perfection."

Bro. S. H. Bashor expects to preach his farewell sermon, as pastor of the church at Waterloo, Iowa, Sunday, Sept. 11th. A committee has been appointed by the church to secure a new pastor, and at their last business meeting four delegates were chosen to send to the Convention.

We are about persuaded that brother Brown caught the Camp-meeting fever when he was in California last year. It looks that way as he has been in the Valley, and now they are going to have a camp-meeting.

Bro. H. K. Myers had a severe spell of sickness last week. He is now around again as usual.

Students are now sending in their orders for rooms at the College.

Brethren John Nicholson and S. C. Stump were holding meetings at a school house near Dorchester, Neb., last week, with crowded houses, and a church with fifteen members is the result.

This is glorious news, and very good work for the harvest season. The Lord bless these brethren for they are worthy.

Bro. P. J. Brown and E. Mason attended a council meeting at the Lexington church, in the Valley, last Saturday.

Bro. John Culp concludes his series of articles on the prophecies next week. They have been interesting to many readers, while those who are not concerned about the prophecies, were not. Brother Culp proposes to write occasional articles on other subjects, so our readers will still be favored with the fruits of his mind.

An aged correspondent of the EVANGELIST writes that he fears there will be trouble between the eastern and western Old Order brethren. It seems very hard to get things arranged so that all are satisfied.

J. W. Beachy, of Elk Lick, Pa., is an interesting patron of the EVANGELIST. It is a very common occurrence for subscribers to be a year behind, but he has paid to Jan. 1st, 1889.

Sister Julia Wood writes that last week the mercury registered 111 degrees, the hottest weather ever known in Virginia. In Richmond 100 persons died in one day from the effects of heat.

Bro. P. J. Brown, at the order of the Ohio Home Mission Board, visited the church east of Dayton, on July 31st, and held meeting in "our hired hall" with good congregations. In a few weeks the church will be organized anew, and some earnest work will be done in that locality for the Master. We learn also that Bro. Duncan, a minister there, who has not been actively engaged in the work is taking an interest. We hope soon to see him in the field again, preaching the gospel. We believe some good work can be done in that locality and we heartily endorse the action of the Board for opening work at that point.

Bro. Bailey has a few things to say about the College this week.